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**CH 501 - 502**  
**CHURCH HISTORY I & II**  
**JULY 1999**

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**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A study of the development of the Christian Church from the Apostolic Period to the Modern Era, with emphasis upon the central historical movements and theological issues of the period, with attention given to their relevance for contemporary ministry. Emphasis will be placed upon important primary texts, as well as interpretive studies. Lectures, reading, and discussion will constitute the main substance of our learning.

**II. GENERAL GOALS**

Our chief concern is the twofold need of the Christian community, clergy and laity, to 1) understand our calling, and 2) to participate responsibly in the task of developing capable Christian leadership in the contemporary church.

**III. PREREQUISITES**

While no prior courses in the School of Theology are prerequisites for the entering student, it is important that he or she manifest an attitude of open inquiry under God's leading, recognizing that the mind of Christ can be more fully discerned by an awareness of the shaping of His body in history. Acknowledge of the classical languages, while not essential is helpful in the study of the early period.

**IV. TOPIC LISTING AND SEQUENCE**

**Period I**

**The First Hundred Years**

- A. The Fullness of Time
- B. Greco-Roman Period
- C. New Testament Church

**Period II**

**Development of the Church to the Early Middle Ages (600)**

- A. Relationship between the Early Church and the State.
- B. The Apostolic Fathers and the Apologists Issues: The development of the ministry, the creeds, and the canon.
- C. Orthodoxy and Heresy in the Early Church Issues:
  - 1. The Use of Scripture and Tradition in East and West.
  - 2. Fixing the Doctrine of the Trinity and the Two natures of Christ in the Creed of the Church.
  - 3. "Original Sin" and "The Church, Visible and Invisible."
- D. The Imperial State Church
- E. The Development of Monasticism
- F. The Confessions of Augustine

**Period III      The Middle Ages Through the Renaissance**

- A.    The Rise of the Papacy
- B.    The Church Struggles for Dominance in Western Civilization
- C.    The Crusades
- D.    Schism between East and West
- E.    Decline of the Papacy
- F.    Medieval Ascetic Organisms
- G.    Scholasticism and Mysticism in the Middle Ages
  - Issues:
    - 1.    The Roles of Faith and Reason in Knowing God
    - 2.    The Meaning of Atonement
    - 3.    Salvation through Sacramental Grace
    - 4.    An Examination of Aquinas' Summa Theologica
- H.    The Decline of Scholasticism
  - 1.    Protestant Movements in Late Medieval Theology
  - 2.    Efforts toward the Reform of the Church
  - 3.    The Renaissance

**Period IV      The Modern Era**

- A.    The Renaissance
- B.    The Reformation
  - 1.    Luther
  - 2.    Zwingli
  - 3.    Calvin
  - 4.    The Anabaptists
  - 5.    Anglicans
  - 6.    Puritanism
- C.    The Counter-Reformation
- D.    Protestant Orthodoxy
- E.    Evangelical Pietism? Philipp Jacob Spener
- F.    Rationalism: The Age of Enlightenment
- G.    The Evangelical Revival: Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley
- H.    American Denominationism
- I.    Romanticism and Liberalism
- J.    Global Christianity in the Nineteenth Century
- K.    Christianity in Crisis: The Twentieth Century
- L.    Theological Revival: Barth and Brunner; The Niebuhrs
- M.    Current Movements in Christianity
- N.    Prospects for the Future

**V.      READING AND EXAM SCHEDULE**

| DATE             | GONZALEZ, VOL I               | KERR                                  | BETTENSON   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| July 6           | 2-5                           |                                       |   |
| July 7           | 6-7<br><b>QUIZ</b><br>8-9     | Section 1<br><br>3-5                  | Part I, Section I,<br>pp. 1-6<br>Section 3, and Section 4 |
| July 8           | 10-12<br><b>QUIZ</b>          |                                       | Section 1, pp. 7-23                                       |
| July 9           | 15, 16, 17<br>18, 19          | 8 (Apostles' Creed)<br>(Nicene Creed) | pp. 38-44   |
| July 13          | 20, 21<br><b>QUIZ</b>         |                                       | Section 4,<br>pp. 33-35, 38-44                            |
| July 14          | 22-25<br>26, 27, 28           | 6<br>8<br>(Symbol of Chalcedon)       | Section 6<br><br>Section 5                                |
| July 15          | <b>QUIZ</b><br>29, 30, 31, 32 | 9 and 10                              | Section 2, Part 2,<br>Section 2,<br>pp.111-116            |
| July 15-<br>16am | 33<br>34<br>35-36             | 12, 17, 19<br>14, 15, 16              | Section 6<br>Section 3, 5                                 |
| July 16          | <b>EXAM I</b>                 |                                       |   |

| DATE    | GONZALEZ                      | TOPIC   | KERR                  | BETTENSON                      |
|---------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| July 20 | Chs. 2-4<br>5-6               | Luther<br>Zwingli, Anabaptist                                   | Selection. 20<br>26   | pp. 182-211                    |
| July 21 | <b>QUIZ</b><br>7-8            | Calvin, Anglicans   | 22, 24                | 212-213, 217-243               |
| July 22 | 9-11, 15<br><b>QUIZ</b><br>17 | counter ref.<br><br>Puritans Theology<br>Orthodoxy              | 23, 25<br><br>21-27   | 14-216<br><br>244-251, 258-267 |
| July 23 | 18-23                         | Enlightenment, Spiritual<br>Writers, Pietism                    | 31, 28                | 252-255                        |
| July 27 | <b>QUIZ</b><br>25-26<br>27-28 | America II, France<br>Latin America, 19th c.                    | 32-34                 |                                |
| July 28 | <b>QUIZ</b><br>29-32<br>33-34 | 19th c.<br>Catholics, Orthodox,<br>World Missions<br>World Wars | 41-44<br>36<br>46, 52 | 327-334 (WCC)                  |
| July 29 | 35-36                         | Modern Theology   | 47, 50, 51, 55        |                                |
| July 30 | <b>EXAM II</b>                |   |                       |                                |

## VI. COURSE PROCEDURES

- A. Two unit exams (100 pts each) and eight quizzes will be scheduled. (30 pts each)
- B. Students are responsible for class attendance and for complete reading of assigned texts. (40 pts)
- C. Evaluation will be based upon the accumulation of points as follows:

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| Eight quizzes                                    | (240)          |
| Two unit exams                                   | (200)          |
| Class attendance<br>& completion<br>of readings: | (40)           |
| Total  | <hr/> 480 pts. |

Grading scale:

432-480 = A (90-100%)

384-431 = B (80-89%)

336-431 = C (70-79%)

288-335 = D (60-69%)

below 287 = F (below 60%)

## VII. TEXTS FOR PURCHASE

Bettenson, Henry, Documents of the Christian Church (Oxford paperback).

Gonzalez, Justo, The Story of Christianity, Vol. I & II (Abingdon paper ed.).

Kerr, Hugh T., ed. Readings in Christian Thought (Abingdon paper ed.).